GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER`S OFFICE
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Office of the Regional Development Commissioner for iron and steel located at Hyderabad has been closed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to restructure the other regional offices including that located at Mumbai;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Expenditure Reforms Commission has made recommendations in this regard; and

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Office of the Regional Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel located at Hyderabad was closed as a result of rationalisation exercise undertaken by the Ministry of Steel due to the considerable change in the nature and content of the work of this Office after liberalisation.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The restructuring of the other Regional Offices will be considered in the light of the recommendations made by the Committee set up by the Ministry of Steel to review the functioning of the Organisation of the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel and its Regional Offices and the recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The Ministry of Steel has initiated the examination of the recommendations of the Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) as contained in its 6th Report for further action as appropriate.